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<u>Via ECF & E-Mail to Chambers</u> Honorable Christine M. Gravelle United States Bankruptcy Court 402 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08608

Re: Varun Malik

Case No.: 22-11708

Dear Judge Gravelle:

My firm was retained earlier this afternoon as substitute counsel for the Debtor, subject of course to court approval of our retention. The purpose of this letter is to join in the adjournment request submitted by Joseph Shapiro of the law firm of Middlebrooks & Shapiro, P.C. with regard to the motion to convert the case to Chapter 7.

My firm was just retained. I have not yet received the case file from the Middlebrooks & Shapiro firm, and only have access to the pleadings on the court docket, including the motion to convert. The matters raised in the motion to convert are serious in nature and require a more thorough response than that submitted by Mr. Shapiro.

I did reach out to Morris Bauer counsel for Fulton Bank yesterday when I was first contacted about this representation. At that time I asked Mr. Bauer if he would agree to an adjournment if I did get retained in this matter. Mr. Bauer indicated that he did not have the authority to consent.

I am therefore requesting that your Honor grant a short adjournment of the motion for two weeks, over the objection of counsel for Fulton Bank, in order to give me time to get up to speed on the case and adequately represent the interests of the Debtor.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Bruce H. Levitt

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cc: Morris S. Bauer, Esq. Joseph M. Shapiro, Esq.